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International application No.

PCT/SE2003/001790

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:



the international application in the language in which it was filed

a translation of the international application into _____,
which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))



publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))



international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

the international application as originally filed/furnished



the description:

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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____



the claims, Nos. _____



the drawings, sheets/figs _____

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the description, pages _____



the claims, Nos. _____



the drawings, sheets/figs _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-25</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-25</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-25</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The object of the invention is to solve the problems of unfair charging in relation to data bit transfer sessions involving wireless links.

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 6154643 A

D2: WO 9716034 A2

D3: US 2003186678 A1

D4: US 6061556 A

D2 relates to bandwidth-on-demand type communication systems and, in particular, to a bandwidth-on-demand type cellular telephone system wherein subscribers are charged for use of the system based in part on the total amount of bandwidth used to carry the subscriber communication.

D1, D3 and D4 are state of the art documents, and will therefore not be mentioned anymore.

Claim 1:

From D2, which is considered to represent the most relevant document, a method is known for determining charging related to a data bit transfer session (see D2 page 7 lines 9-17), said bit transfer session involving bit transfer over a wireless communications link under the control of a radio resource managing unit, which radio resource managing unit dynamically determines the bandwidth on the wireless link that

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the bit transfer session is using, characterised by the steps of: a charging logic receiving information from the radio resource managing unit about the bandwidth on the wireless link that the bit transfer session is using; and said charging logic determining the charging related to the bit transfer session based on said received information from the radio resource managing unit (see D2 page 10 lines 4-27).

However, the cited documents represent the general state of the art.

The invention defined in claims 1-25 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed method, charging logic and system, wherein the charging is based on the bandwidth which the bit transfer session is allowed to use, and not the actual instantaneous bandwidth.

Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-25 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.